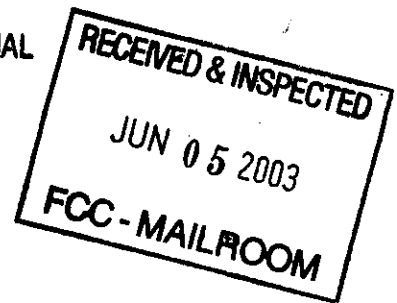


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May 30, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
9300 E. Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

RE: Docket No. 02-277

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I understand that on June 2, 2003, the FCC intends to lift restrictions on media ownership. I am strongly opposed to this media deregulation. Thomas Jefferson said he would rather have a free press and no government than a government and no free press. I do not believe we will have a "free" press if this deregulation is put into effect. The American media will be held hostage by a few elite corporations. This is a non-partisan issue, and clearly deregulation is not in the best interest of the American people and our democracy. I would respectfully implore the FCC to stop this deregulation and work to make the media diverse, competitive, balanced and fair.

Finally, I would like to say that few U.S. citizens are even aware of this intended change and were not given a chance to voice their opposition. This is a very important issue and the fact that it has escaped attention in the media (without the proposed deregulation) proves what a dangerous idea it is to have fewer and fewer media participants.

I am enclosing nine copies of this letter and would ask that you distribute these to the commissioners of the FCC. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Dillon".

Mary Dillon
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